

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR **NICOLE WALCH**

Honorable Mention

MALLORY BASTIAN
Jensen Beach senior, defensive specialist

ARIANNA BETHEL
Martin county junior, middle hitter

MEGHAN CONWAY
Jensen Beach sophomore, outside hitter

DANIELLE COSTELLO
John Carroll senior, libero

ABIGAIL CRAIG
John Carroll senior, outside hitter

SARAH DAVIS
Okeechobee junior, setter

DANIELLE DODGE
Martin County junior, right side

KENNA DWYER
South Fork senior, setter

KELLEY FITZPATRICK
Treasure Coast junior, right/middle/setter

KALIN GABBERT
Sebastian River sophomore, outside hitter

JANIRA GUZMAN
St. Lucie West Centennial senior, outside hitter

CARLY HARRIS
Port St. Lucie senior, outside hitter/middle hitter

MOLLY HIGGINS
Vero Beach junior, libero

STEPHANIE JONES
Master's Academy junior, right side

KALEY LANNON
John Carroll senior, middle blocker

ERIN LEE
Port St. Lucie senior, setter

PAIGE MCCRARY
Okeechobee senior, middle blocker

JORDAN MCELROY
Treasure Coast senior, hitter

JOANN MARTIN
Martin County junior, libero

ANGELINE NISA
Jensen Beach senior, libero

CASSIE PFEIFFER
Pine School freshman middle, hitter

SAMANTHA RING
Vero Beach sophomore, setter

ABBEY ROUCH
St. Lucie West Centennial senior, setter

LAUREN RUBY
Pine School freshman, setter

JENNIFER ST. SUME
St. Lucie West Centennial senior, middle hitter

MARANDA SERRANO
Okeechobee senior, outside hitter

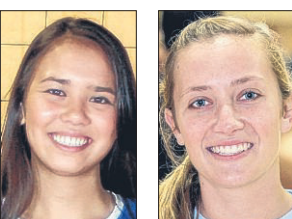
MICHAELA SIHLER
Treasure Coast sophomore, setter

LYDIA WEST
St. Lucie West Centennial senior, middle/outside

RACHEL WINDLE
John Carroll senior, middle hitter

BRITTANY WONKA
Vero Beach junior, outside hitter

All-Area First Team



Ashlyn Baliton
Allie Bradley



Rebekah Bryan
Kara Cuva



Evin Foster
Alex Lilliquist



Madisen Lydon
Mallori Moffatt

ASHLYN BALITON
John Carroll senior, setter
Stats: 778 assists, 248 digs, 65 kills, 51 blocks

ALLIE BRADLEY
Jensen Beach senior, setter
Stats: 441 assists, 204 kills, 47 aces

REBEKAH BRYAN
Okeechobee senior, outside hitter
Stats: 308 kills, 275 digs, 23 aces

KARA CUVA
South Fork senior, outside hitter/defensive specialist
Stats: 199 kills, 210 digs, 70 aces

EVIN FOSTER
Jensen Beach junior, right side
Stats: 189 kills, 108 assists, 55 blocks, 48 aces

ALEX LILLIQUIST
Vero Beach sophomore, outside hitter
Stats: 184 kills, 223 digs, 53 aces, 22 blocks

MADISEN LYDON
Martin County junior, outside hitter
Stats: 231 kills, 216 digs, 63 aces, 10 blocks

MALLORI MOFFATT
Martin County senior, setter
Stats: 801 assists, 194 digs, 110 kills, 54 aces



ALEX BOERNER/TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS
Martin County High School's Nicole Walch is the Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers 2011 Volleyball Player of the Year.

The champion

Record-setter Nicole Walch capped a stellar high school career with her second state championship

By Aimee Ford Foster
Special to Treasure Coast Newspapers

Player of the Year

Nicole Walch

Martin County senior, outside hitter

Stats: 624 kills, 45 aces, 256 digs, 32 blocks

Coach Krissy Schmidt: "I saw a different player in her this year. She felt a lot of pressure last year, especially since it was her first season without her older sister. A lot of people put more pressure on Nicole. This year, she handled it so much better. She really grew as a player from last year to this year. She has really developed into an excellent player."

none. For her role in that feat and her performance throughout the season, including down the stretch when she played the final four tournament games with a broken finger on her non-dominant left hand, Walch has been named the Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers Volleyball Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

"The main goal was to go to state and win this year," she said. "To go out and do that, and to go to the Final Four for the third year in a row, that's the biggest accomplishment of all."

Walch, who has since graduated from Martin County and will begin school at Florida State in January, relished her role

this year. As a junior, she was emerging from the shadow of older sister, Elise, and may have been a riddle to some. This year, she was the main attraction.

"I think most teams had game plans to go against me," she said. "I showed them I wasn't going to fold against their game plans."

By helping her team to the state title in her final high school game, Walch is able to look back and say that she left nothing undone.

"Everyone just gave everything we had," she said. "We accomplished all our goals and became a better team and finished it by winning the state championship again. That was everything. That was the season everyone wanted. We got it."

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Coach of the Year



Krissy Schmidt

School: Martin County

Years with team: 2

This season: Guided Martin County to the Class 7A state championship after finishing as the Class 5A runners-up in her inaugural season. The Tigers, who won district and regional titles as well, finished the year with a 27-5 record. A loss to Cardinal Gibbons in the championship game of the East Coast Challenge was the Tigers' only loss in Florida. The other four losses came in the Chicago Asics Challenge, recognized as one of the top events in the country.

Quotable: "It was definitely very rewarding. A lot of coaches go through their entire careers and never even make to the state tournament, let alone win. To go for the second year, and to go back-to-back, really says a lot about the team. It's a great honor to go to the state tournament and win."

The Team

The 2011 Volleyball team was compiled by Aimee Ford Foster.

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All-Area Schedule

FRIDAY

Girls Golf

SATURDAY

Boys Golf

SUNDAY

Girls Swimming & Diving

MONDAY

Boys Swimming & Diving

TUESDAY

Girls Cross Country

WEDNESDAY

Boys Cross Country

THURSDAY

Girls Bowling

FRIDAY

Boys Bowling

SATURDAY

Volleyball

MONDAY

Football